

REMARKS

Applicant expresses appreciation to the Examiner for consideration of the subject patent application. This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2006. Claims 2, 5-9, 16, and 21 were objected to. Claims 1, 3, 4, 15, 17-20, 22, and 23 were rejected. The claims have been amended to address the concerns raised by the Examiner.

Claims 1-23 were originally presented. Claims 1, 3-15, 17-20, and 22-23 remain in the application. Claims 2, 16, 21 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 15, and 20 have been amended.

The indication of allowable claims 10-14, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 5-9, 16, and 21, if rewritten in independent form, is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3-4, 15, 17-20, and 22-23 (including independent claim 1, 15, and 20) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kajiya et al (US Patent No. 5,864,342).

Claims 2, 16, and 21 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims 1, 15, and 20 respectively, as per suggestion by the examiner.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3-15, 17-20, and 22-23 are allowable, and urges the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

CONCLUSION

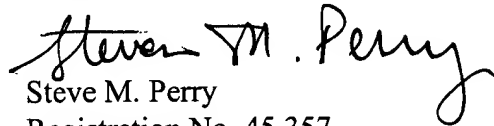
In light of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 3-15, 17-20, and 22-23 are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejections and objections be withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed and passed to issue. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is strongly encouraged to call Steve M. Perry at (801) 566-6633 so that such matters may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

No claims were added, while 3 claims were canceled (claims 2, 16, and 21). Therefore, no additional fee is due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

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